SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Monday March 30, 2015

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SB 13 (CS) Perry/ Estes/ Hall/ Schwertner/

Seliger/ et al.

Relating to measures to support public school student academic achievement and career preparation, including measures to improve and support dual credit courses and the development of public outreach materials.

SB 46 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini

Relating to the confidentiality of certain property tax appraisal photographs.

SB 96 (CS) Hinojosa/ et al.

Relating to a prohibition on the use and possession of e-cigarettes on school property or at school-related or school-sanctioned activities.

SB 140 (LC) Perry

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for telecommunications services used for the navigation of certain farm and ranch machinery and equipment.

SB 169 (CS) Uresti/ et al.

Relating to ensuring that certain military members and their spouses and dependents maintain their positions on interest lists or other waiting lists for certain health and human services assistance programs.

SB 304 (CS) Schwertner

Relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.

SB 383 (LC) Uresti/ et al.

Relating to the time of delivery to the early voting ballot board for ballots voted by mail in certain counties.

SB 389 (CS) (LC) Rodríguez/ et al.

Relating to the placement of military occupational specialty codes on certain notices of state agency employment openings.

SB 494 (CS) Watson

Relating to the availability of certain property and casualty insurance forms on the Internet.

SB 570 (CS) Estes

Relating to the use of fireworks at certain Texas Department of Transportation rest areas; creating a criminal offense.

SB 631 (LC) Campbell

Relating to the authority of certain contiguous municipalities to agree to extend municipal court jurisdiction.

SB 805 Campbell/ et al.

Relating to the employment of individuals qualified for a veteran's employment preference.

SB 818 Rodríguez/ et al.

Relating to the requirement that a parent appointed as a conservator of a child disclose certain information regarding family violence.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 825 (CS) Huffman/ et al.

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of prostitution.

SB 907 (CS) (LC) Perry

Relating to the powers and duties of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System and to workers' compensation coverage for employees of the system's components.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:

SB 6 (CS) Taylor, Larry/ Campbell/ et al.

Relating to public school performance ratings.

2 Floor Amendments

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 444 Ellis

Commending BikeTexas for its dedication to improving bicycle safety.

SR 445 Ellis/ Bettencourt

Congratulating Carol Lewis on her induction into the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 67 Menéndez

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the minimum amount that the state may contribute to the Employees Retirement System of Texas and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

SR 451 Taylor, Larry

Urging Congress to direct the Department of Defense to relocate the United States Africa Command to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SCR 34 Creighton/ Nichols

Directing the Texas Water Development Board to conduct a feasibility study on the use of brackish groundwater sources in Montgomery County.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1278 Campbell

Relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of Kendall County, the composition of the 216th Judicial District, the creation of a criminal district attorney of Kendall County, and the abolishment of the County Court at Law of Kendall County and the office of county attorney of Kendall County.

State Affairs

SB 1343 Huffines

Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District of certain property subject to a tax abatement agreement with the district and to the validation of certain actions of the district.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1440 Campbell

Relating to the territory and authority of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District to regulate certain wells for the production of groundwater.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 2000 Rodríguez

Relating to jurisdiction and court administration of the El Paso Criminal Law Magistrate Court.

State Affairs

SB 2001 Garcia

Relating to the establishment and operation of the Texas Women Veterans Program.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 2002 Creighton

Relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 111; providing authority to issue bonds and impose fees and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2003 Eltife/ et al.

Relating to health benefit plan coverage for ovarian cancer screening.

Business & Commerce

SB 2005 Menéndez

Relating to eligibility for membership and funding of benefits for certain law enforcement, custodial, and other peace officers.

State Affairs

SB 2006 Ellis

Relating to decreasing the state sales and use tax rate.

Finance

SB 2008 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 539; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2009 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 541; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2010 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 20; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2011 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 21; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2012 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 22; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2013 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2014 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 23; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2015 Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 152; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2016 Lucio

Relating to limitations on annexation by and extraterritorial jurisdiction of certain municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2017 Lucio

Relating to the establishment of an innovative workforce training center in the Rio Grande Valley.

Higher Education

SB 2019 Uresti

Relating to the composition of the Texas Violent Gang Task Force.

Criminal Justice

SB 2020 Creighton

Relating to the powers, operations, and boundaries of The Woodlands Township; authorizing a fee.

Transportation

SB 2021 Menéndez

Relating to the state contribution to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

Committee re-referral on the following:

SB 217 Hinojosa/ Birdwell/ Campbell/

Nelson/ Schwertner

Relating to the self-directed and semi-independent status of certain agencies and to the requirements applicable to, and the oversight of, those agencies.

Re-referred from Business & Commerce to Finance

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR